

A PERSONAL NOTE: Donald Dunn wrote a very interesting article about OTR in the Feb. 6th issue of Business Week. I was mentioned along with John Adams, Barbara Watkins, John Dunning, Don Macfele (SPERDVAC), Lewis Krieger (Vintage Broadcast Society), Buffalo & Colorado Clubs, Jack Shugg. It should give much wider exposure and a boost to our hobby...Karen has been typing the last few issues of HA -- a big improvement I hope...There has been much less call for the Benny, Gunsmoke & Escape log than I thought, so I will not be revising my Suspense log for a while. The collectors list is also very slow in coming. My 1977 list had 170 people. So far only 15 people have responded. They will be included in HA.

CONVENTION - '84: Dates are Oct. 19-20 at Holiday Inn-North, Newark. More information, including rates, at end of newsletter.

CORRECTIONS: Dealers list: Sound Vault (#19) is owned by Jerry Charles, not Pat Murray.

IN FOND MEMORY: Evelyn Lawson, Jan 19, 76; screenwriter...Lou Crosby, Jan 27, 70; radio announcer (Lum & Abner, Roy Rogers)...Harold Gary, Jan 21, 77; stage & TV actor...Michael St. Angel, Jan 13, 67; Film & TV actor...Edwin Cooper, Feb 2, 89; actor...Al Dexter, Jan 28, 78; country singer & composer (Pistol Packin' Mama)...William Kaland, 68; producer for TV & Radio (Fred Allen)...Ray Moore, Jan 13, 78; creator of Phantom...Brooks West, Feb 7, 67; actor (My Friend Irma), husband of Eve Arden...Roy Meredith, Jan 5, 70; writer & TV producer...Ethel Merman, Feb 15, 75; First Lady of Broadway...Mary Ann Eager, Jan 18, 78; lyricist, composer...Ina Ray Hutton, Feb 19, 67; bandleader...Lewis Rachmil, Feb. 75; film producer...Mary Boylan, Feb 18, 70; char. actress...Avon Long, Feb 15, 73; dancer, singer, actor...Ronald Dawson, Jan 24, 81; actor...Claude Hopkins, Feb 19, 80; pianist & songwriter...Art Fisher, Feb 22, 50; TV director...E. Lamont Johnson, Feb 14, 29; film & TV actor...Ken Williams, Feb 16, 69; radio & TV announcer (Buck Rogers)...Lucille Benson, Feb 17, 69; char. actress...Jackie Coogan, Mar 1, 69; well-known actor...William Powell, Mar 5, 91; well-known actor...Harry Salter, Mar 5, 85; radio & TV conductor (Stop the Music, Name that Tune)...John MacVance, Jan 28, 71; radio correspondent...Roger White, Mar 2, 84; pioneer radio producer (Fred Allen)...Robert Allen Ogle, Feb 25, 57; cartoon voice...Meyer Dolinsky, Feb 29, 60; radio, TV & film writer (Radio-Whistler)...James Faye Hill, Mar 2, 61; country songwriter (Whole Lotta Shakin' Going On)...Henry Wilcoxon, Mar 6, 78; actor...Hannah Weinstein, Mar 9, 72; producer...Ralph Emerson, Feb 22, 85; char. actor...June Marlowe, Mar 10, 80; actress...Bertram Claster, Mar 11, 73; creator of Romper Room.

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED: Tape Squeal, Feb; article on recorder Hiss...Return With Us Now, Feb; More on Richard Peavy; also review of "Al Jolson Discography" by Larry Kiner...NARA NEWS, Winter; many articles.

BOOKS: The Al Jolson Discography by Larry Kiner. (194 pages), Greenwood Press, Box 5007, Westport, Ct. 06881; \$29.95. Kiner has compiled a complete discography of all known Jolson recordings. Complete data on all recordings - well recommended.

CONVENTIONS: Nadine Dreager runs the Golden Age of Radio Reunion festival each year. Next one is June 29-July 1 in Shenandoah, Ia; Its emphasis is on music & homemaking (country & midwestern). For further info. write Nadine at 8 Gayland Drive, Council Bluffs, Ia. 51501...SPERDVAC is changing location of convention to Viscount Hotel, near LA airport on Nov 9-11.



IF BOX IS CHECKED, \$6 IS DUE FOR ANOTHER YEAR



CATALOGS & NEW SHOWS: Dave Siegel, Box 610, Croton-on-Hudson, NY 10520; many new shows. Dave has one of the largest collections of OTR shows.

LOGS: Still available from me are: Guide for Beginning Collectors, \$2.50; 4 pages of tips on taping \$1.50.

NEW ADDRESSES: Jim Huska, 4400 Philadelphia St., #68, Chino, Cal. 91710, wants 2 or 3 copies of Radio Mirror Magazine from the 1940's... Jerry Reed, Box 55, Whitesboro, NY 13492, has for sale 10-15 Et's of Music from House of Squibb (1944-5); fair-good condition; best offer considered.

HERE AND THERE: NEW FRIENDS: Jim Gangoll, Box 1422, Enid, OK 73701... J.W. Erb, 412 Schollar Ln, Springfield, Pa. 19064, wants L. Ranger, G. Hornet, T. Mix, FM & M, E. Bergen, Shadow, J. Benny ... Steven Handler, Box 1596, Northbrook, Ill. 60062 ... Burton Holmes, 2 Grove St., #7A, NYC, 10014 ... Millicent Alter, 172 W. 79th St., NYC 10024 ... Lynda Patt, 180 Church St., Naugatuck, CT 06770 ... Roberta Mitchell, 1701 Kilbourn, Elkhart, Ind. 46514 ... George Luce, 512 Westview Dr., Fort Valley, Ga. 31030 ... Douglas Lowe, 4037 W. Broadway, Minneapolis, Minn. 55422 ... Francis Cain, 246-24 86th Rd., Bellerose NY 11426 ... Marvin Moss, 720 Cheatham Hill Tr., Marietta, Ga. 30064... Bill Inhow, Box 3837, Peoria, Ill. 61614 ... Dr. Thomas O'Shaughnessy, Box 93, Rochester, Mn. 55903 ... Robert Franzius, 4636 Ridgeview Road, Atlanta, Ga. 30338 ... Ron Vanke, 5094 Longrifle Rd., Westerville, Oh. 43081 ... Joan Franklin, 311 W. 75th St., NYC, NY 10023 ... Peter Hollis, 1107 Robert Rd., Wilson, NC 27893 ... Richard Lincoln, 175 Federal St., Rm. 1300, Boston, Ma. 02110 ... Robert Nichols, 12 Ptarmigan Dr., Reading, Pa. 19606 ... Charles McCabe, Jr., 21 Argyle Ave., New Rochelle, NY 10804 ... Cameron Macauley, 731 Sea View Dr., El Cerrito, Cal. 94530 ... W. Robert Smith, 145 Cocelli Dr., Bridgeton, N.J. 08302 ... Carol Fishburn, 891 Cabot Lane, Foster City, Cal. 94404 ... Don Watts, Box 1519, Ramona, Cal. 92065, wants Arch Obolers play about the chicken heart that covered the earth. Also 50's tapes of Science Fiction Theater, a Ray Bradbury Show ... Ken Paul, 1901 Kinsland Ave., Orlando, Fla. 32808, wants tapes & scripts of C S Lewis program aired in Jan. 1960 on stations like WSB in Atlanta ... Mark Bauer, 32 Marshall St., Brookline, Ma 02146 ... Daniel Paulin, 209 E. Railroad St., W. Lafayette, Oh 43345, wants all material concerning Robert Ripley's radio series. Daniel's hobby is Ripley's Believe it or Not ... Rusty Wolfe, 1626 No. Gunbarrel Rd., Chattanooga, Tn 37421, is starting a memorabilia shop and needs a source for Et's ... Tom Glascock, 43 Cypress Dr., Scotia, NY 12302 ... Patrick Montgomery, 530 W. 25th St., NYC, NY 10001, is producing documentary film on origin of R&R in late 40's through 1959. He wants following radio shows: Grand Ole Opry 1930-50; Louisiana Hayride 1930-50; WLS Barn Dance 1930-1950; Everly Family Radio Show 1940-1955; Black DJ's playing R&Blues 1945-55 ... Harwell Proffitt, whose wife, Florence Ortman (now deceased), would like copies of shows she directed (Dr. Christian, Death Valley Days) ... Gilbert Campbell, Jr., 4528 Beacon Dr., Nashville, Tn 37215 ... Ron Brown, 6 Sisson Ter., Tenafly, NJ 07670 ... J.W. Kingery, Box 29703, Atlanta, Ga. 30359 ... Robert Hawkins, Box 1298, Springfield, Ill. 62705 ... Jack Nibecker, APPO Postal 1-634, Guadalajara, Jal. Mexico ... Paul Allen, 11 Pheton Dr., Penfield, NY 14526 ... Jane Schonberger, 105 5th Ave., 6A, NYC 10003 ... Gerald Stream, 1800 SE Tempest Dr., Bend, Or 97702 ... Philip Smith, 11519 Wendover, Houston, Tx. 77024 ... Eric Simonsen, 6 Apple Tree Lane, Barrington, RI 02806 ... Walter Kane, 2510 Iron Gates Rd., Joplin, Mo. 64801 ... Maj. Mark Victorson, 78 3rd Infantry Rd., Ft. Leavenworth, Ks 66027 ... Bob Lancaster, 545 Community Row, Winnipeg, Manitoba, R 3R 1 H6 ... Robert Whiteman, Liberty Library Corp., 8 E. 77th St., NYC, NY, wants original recordings of Liberty Magazine Hour (1930's) ... Robert Irby, Shattuck School, Faribault, Mn 55021 ... Gary Fazzino, 2101 Lexington, Everett, Wa 98203 ... Hugh Sweeney, 1430 Edgewater Pk, Bronx, NY 10465 ... David Comsky, 8th Fl. East Tower, 9100 Wilshire Blvd., Bev. Hills, Cal. 90212 ... Glenn Luther, Box 381, Mena, Ark. 71953 ... Edward Cochran, 1600 Central Nat. Bank Bldg., Cleveland, Oh. 44114 ... Herbert Weaver, 5562 Woodville Rd., Leetonia, Oh. 44431 ...



New Friends (cont'd): W. H. du Pont, Box 2468, Palm Beach, Fla. 33480 ... Tom Feters, 545 S. Elizabeth Dr., Lombard, Ill. 60140, wants J. Armstrong, 11AM ... Philip Scott, 601 Four Mile Rd., #123, Alex, Va. 22305, wants logs of Myst. Traveler & Adv. by Morse.

OLD FRIENDS: Lee Allman sent a nice note. She is keeping active with many OTR talks to local groups ... Durell Roth, 1740 Sunset Blvd., Houston, Tx 77005, has a wireless antique audio broadcaster, a distortion-free 100 milliwatt transmitter that broadcasts up to 75 feet. This is excellent for rebroadcasting your favorite radio program through any AM radio. Send a SASE to Durell for details. Cost is \$104.95. Durell restores & services vintage radios and phonographs ... Mack Harbin, Box 3063, N. Hollywood, Cal. 91609, still wants Og, Son of Fire and Secret Agent X-9 ... Bob Burnham, Box 39522, Redford, Mich 48239 sent supplement. Send SASE for listing. Bob is working on book "A Technical Guide to Old-Time Radio Collecting." Will be available by fall for about \$10. Anyone providing input will be credited and receive free copy ... Geoff Oates, MPO Box 3853, Vancouver, BC V6B-3Z3, wants "Eb & Zeb" ... John Smothers, 1280 Pismo Ct., Lakewood, NJ 08701, wants source for colored tape leader besides the red & clear that Radio Shack sells ... John Gassman, Box 1163, Whittier, Cal. 90604, wants a first or second generation copy of the 1930's series entitled The Shadow of Fu Man Chu. He operates only with open reel equipment. John also is looking for a Scott 121C. Dynaural Equalizer Preamplifier preamplifier. Also known as a noise reduction unit. ... Larry Gassmans mentions that Parley Baer was in hospital recently for heart by-pass operation. He is doing well and will be home soon (2/24). Larry (Box 1163, Whittier, Cal. 90604) wants to know if a definitive book about Armed Forces Radio has been written ... Gene Bradford, 19706 Elizabeth, St. Clair Shores, Mich 48080, wants log of YTJD and copies of show with Mandel Kramer. Gene has 5000 shows. Also looking for Dim X & X-1. ... Ed Carr, 216 Shaner St., Boyertown, Pa. 19512, has from disc 2 new Mr. & Mrs. North, a one-hour 1946 Xmas show about soaps, and MGM Theater of the Air. Also looking for people who have transcriptions for trade (network, AFRS); 20 at a time. Wants Kate Smith and children's shows ... Don Bradley, Box 3175, Pomona, Cal. 91769, looking for many different shows including Chase & Sanborn Hours (Bergen), Steven Allen, J. Paar, D. Garroway, Several TV audios ... Tom Mastel, 1597 Arbutus Dr., San Jose, Cal. 95118, wants reel tape player that will operate in a car. It must take 4-track, 7-inch reels @3-3/4 inches per second ... Joe Webb, Box 268, Glen Cove, NY 11542, has 16 uncirculated Sam Spade (Steve Dunn) for sale or trade ... Josh Bray, 213 Main St., Green Lane, Pa. 18054, sent more pages of his catalog. Josh has one of the largest collections of news, sports & documentaries.

RADIO IS ALIVE & WELL: WNYC (AM) NY launched on Jan. 30, a new series for children, 3 hours each weeknight from 5-8 p.m. It will include songs, records, stories and special features aimed for children up to age 12 ... Echoes of Poland, the longest running Polish-Am. radio show recently broadcast its last show after 54 years. Host for 53 of the years was Louis Blenkowski over WIBX in Utica, NY. ... Stan Freberg will begin rehearsals in April for performance during May & June. He will be appearing at Burt Reynolds Dinner Theater in Jupiter, Florida. If successful, will take it on the road.

OTR BROADCASTS - Additional Shows:

KRCC-FM	91.5	Colorado Springs, Cal., Kevin Shields, Sun 9-11 PM, variety
WCBU-FM		Peoria, Ill., Frank Thomas, Sun 87-8:30 PM, variety
KLAF-AM	1230	Salt Lake City, Ut - Gayle Morgan - All day (5:30 a.m. - 12:00 a.m.) many shows



DOUBLE SPEEDING: There was almost no response to this question. Most collectors with reel double-speed when making copies. With proper equipment there is no appreciable loss of sound or quality.

LATE NEWS: On the dealer's list, #10 Lawrence Rao, does not call his business Audio Antiques anymore ... IFM Sam Jaffe, Mar 24, 93; well-known actor ... Paul Francis Webster, Mar 22, 76; well-known lyricist ... Leona Thatcher, Mar 5, 89; actress ... Carmen Dragen, Mar 28, 69; well-known composer-conductor ... OF Tom Monroe, 1426 Roycroft Ave., Lakewood, Oh 44107, wants to know what became of Don Sutton (Sgt. Preston); also has problem with Dakotor Model #8020A and wants to hear from someone with same machine ... Robert Simpson, 6791 Scott St., Hollywood, Fl 33024, conducts a workshop on OTR every Sunday at 7:30 at Hollywood Multi-Purpose Center in Hollywood, Fla ... I have decided not to list the 15 people who responded to my collectors list, but to try again with a clip-out form enclosed & hopefully have a much longer list by my next issue. If you have already sent in info., you may resubmit if you wish.

CONVENTION - 1984: Just completed our first committee meeting attended by Dave Davies, Jay and Karen Hickerson, Ron Lackmann, Anthony Tollin, Joe Webb, Stu Weiss. Here are details:

COST: Friday - 9AM to 11 PM, including extensive Saturday-type buffet (3 entrees etc.) & coffee all day.....\$ 22.00  
 Saturday - 9AM to 11PM, including buffet (3 entrees, etc.), coffee all day & hors d'oeuvres during cocktail hour.....\$ 31.00  
 Senior citizens & children under sixteen (Sat.).....\$ 29.00  
 Daytime, Friday only..... 5.00  
 Daytime, Sat. only (register before 2:00)..... 8.00  
 Daytime, Sat. only (register after 2:00)..... 6.00  
 Daytime, Sat. only - Seniors and under 16..... 6.00

DEALERS TABLES (45 available):- per table cost.....\$ 20.00

Dealers open Friday 9AM to 6PM and after dinner; Dealers open Sat. 9AM to 3PM. Cost is for 1 or 2 days.

ROOM COST: \$50 single/\$55 double. Send me room info. with registration fee (pay for room upon arrival.) I will send reservation card to hotel. Include name, address, single or double & nights wanted. You may send in your registration now. Make check payable to Jay Hickerson, Box C, Orange, Ct. 06477. Seating for dinner is limited.

TENTATIVE PROGRAM: (Friday and Saturday)

Dealers, Trivia, 2 or 3 live shows, Workshops & Panels about Sherlock Holmes; Quiz Panel; Radio Westerns; Escape, Bloopers II; Big Bands; Acting; Radio Shows on TV; Arthur Godfrey; Frank Nelson & Veola Vonn. Friday will have more activities than usual in the late afternoon and evening, but most workshops will be on Saturday.

TENTATIVE NEW GUESTS: Margaret Draper, Margaret Clinton, Johnny Thompson, John (Johnny) Thomas, Edith Meiser, Jay Jackson, Frank Nelson, Veola Vonn, possibly one more west coast guest.

DINNER TABLES: If you want to reserve a table for Saturday when you register by mail, you may, but we must have 10 at a table. Otherwise you may reserve one when you arrive.

MOMENTO: We hope to have a special Friends of Old-Time Radio lapel pin available for purchase. More on that next issue.



## COLLECTORS AND TRADERS OF OLD-TIME RADIO SHOWS

In April 1977 I wrote a 10-page list of collectors and traders (175 people). It is now very outdated. I would like to revise it; however, I need your help. I need information from you as soon as possible. The collectors list will contain information I receive from my subscribers and others who hear of it from you. I need the following information.

Cut out the coupon below and send to: Jay Hickerson, Box C, Orange, Ct. 06477

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Date Sent: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Address & Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Age: \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_
5. Number of programs: \_\_\_\_\_
6. Mode of collecting (reel, cassette): \_\_\_\_\_
7. Do you trade....buy....sell....have lending library \_\_\_\_\_
8. Highlights of your collection. Include shows of which you have as many or more than anyone else, i.e. your specialties. Also shows that originated with you.
9. Your wants; List the top 5 or so:
10. Other activities such as publish newsletter, give courses, have a radio show, write articles and/or books, officer of a club, have large premium collection, collect video tapes:

